

Will, DE, Sussex, John Hudson 1769

In the name of God Amen.

I **JOHN HUDSON** being with fit mind and memory but calling to mind the mortality of this life, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament desiring it may be received by all as such.

ITEM my soul I commit to God that gave it to me and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executor, hereafter named in this, my will, and as touching any worldly Goods which God in mercy hath bestowed on me I do hereby give and bestow in manner and form following.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my son **JOHN HUDSON** all that Plantation whereon I now dwell, with the adjacent land thereunto belonging, together with all the cattle, hogs, and household goods which I let him have at the time of his first housekeeping to him and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM HUDSON** the plantation whereon I now live together with the adjacent land thereunto to belonging and all the other effects which I let him have at the time of his going to housekeeping to him and his heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **MARY HAYS** wife of **RICHARD HAYS** Jr one feather bed and furniture and three head of cattle which I let her have soon after her marriage to her and her heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give unto my son **JOSHUA HUDSON** all that Plantation whereon he now dwells with 100 acres of land thereunto belonging, run and laid out by **DAVID HILFORD** and likewise a parcel of swamp and ground bought of my son **HENRY** and all the effects which I let him have at or near the time of his first going to housekeeping to him his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **ELIZABETH WILLEY** one young mare and all the cattle and hogs and household furniture which I let her have at or near the time of her going to housekeeping or marriage to her and her heirs and assigns.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **MAJOR HUDSON** eighty six acres one quarter of land including his dwelling plantation agreeable to the line and division run and laid off by **DAVID HILFORD** also all the creatures and household goods I let him have at or near the time of his going to housekeeping to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **RACHEL DAVIS** wife of **THOMAS DAVIS** the creatures and all the household goods I let her have at or after the time of her marriage and no more of my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **HENRY** one hundred and sixteen acres of land including the dwelling plantation and all the part of land he bought of my son **ANANIAS HUDSON** to my son **HENRY** and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM item I give and bequeath to my son and **ANANIAS HUDSON** all the creatures and household furniture which I let him have at or after the time of his marriage and likewise one half of my copper still to him and his heirs.

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ITEM I give and bequeath all the residue of my estate not given to my children as above I give and bequeath to my son **HENRY HUDSON** to whom I appoint whole and sole executor of my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of January 1769.

JOHN HUDSON {seal his mark}

Subscribed and declared by the said **JOHN HUDSON** to be his last will and testament and the presence of

witness **JOSEPH TRUITT**

Witness **MARGARET FISHER** {her mark}

Witness **JOHN TRUITT**

Memorandum

At the 10th day of April 1773 **JOSEPH TRUITT** Sr. and **JOHN TRUITT** two of the witnesses to the within will subscribing appeared before me, **PHILIPS KOLLOCK** register appointed for the probate of Will and granting letters of administration for the county of Sussex on Delaware, being of the people called Quaker who for conscience sake could not swear oath, did on their solemn affirmation respectfully affirm that in their site presents and hearing the testator **JOHN HUDSON** did sign seal publish pronounce and declare the within written to be his last will and that at the signing thereof the said testator was of sound and ??? disposing memory and judgment and the day and each of them together along with **MARGARET FISHER** subscribed the above evidence at the request and in the presence of the testator.

PHILIPS KOLLOCK, register

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